AN HYMN,

TO BE SUNG BY THE

CHILDREN belonging to the CHARITY-SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM,

For Maintaining and Educating Infant Poor,

On SUNDAY the 15th of OCTOBER, 1797,

AFTER SERMONS TO BE PREACHED

By the Rev. GEORGE RICHARDS, *A. M.*

VICAR OF BAMPTON, RECTOR OF LILLINGSTONE-LOVEL, OXFORDSHIRE, AND CHAPLAIN TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE EARL HARCOURT,

At St. MARTIN's CHURCH in the Morning, and at St. PHILIP's in the Afternoon.

On SUNDAY the 22d of October, 1797,

By the Rev. THOMAS PRICE, *A. B.*

CURATE OF St. BARTHOLOMEW's CHAPEL,

At St. PAUL's in the Morning, and at St. BARTHOLOMEW's in the Afternoon.

And by the Rev. PENDOCK NEALE, *A. B.*

RECTOR OF TOLLERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,

At St. MARY's CHAPEL in the AFTERNOON.

The ORGAN by Mr. CLARK.

I.

TO teach devotion's spark to blaze,
To bind the reed, too prone to break,
To lead thy flocks in flow'ry ways,
And in thy bosom bear the weak:
Such, gracious Lord! thy care appears,
To feeble steps, and infant years.

II.

O may our spring and early days,
With holy SAMUEL's youth accord,
Train'd in thy house of prayer and praise,
To hear thy Voice, and learn thy Word:
Let Joseph's timely prudence join,
With David's zeal, to keep us thine.

III.

Bend, Lord, to us each pitying eye!
Touch, Lord, for us each feeling breast!
Those, who a parent's care supply,
A parent's honours shall invest:
Angels, who view thy face above,
And watch for us, shall crown their love.

IV.

Secure, to thy protecting arm,
Our feeble hands shall learn to cling,
'Till ripe in zeal, in duty warm,
We strive a louder strain to sing:
O FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
Thus, thus we join thy heavenly host.

HALLELUJAH! Amen.

☞ *Morning and Evening Service to be opened with the following Hymn.*

Lift up your heads, ye lofty gates, unfold each spacious door,
For here the King of Glory waits, with blessings for the poor.